

Public Notice**6/26/2026****Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program for Federal Fiscal Year 2027-2029****Notice of Goal**

Salem Area Mass Transit District (SAMTD), dba "Cherriots" has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) 49 CFR Part 26. The goal identifies the relative availability of DBEs known to be available to compete for SAMTD USDOT assisted contracts. It is the policy of SAMTD to ensure non-discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, or national origin in the award and administration of the USDOT assisted contracts. It is the intention of SAMTD to create a level playing field on which DBEs can compete fairly for contracts and subcontracts relating to SAMTD's construction, procurement, and professional services activities.

Notice is hereby given that SAMTD's proposed overall goal for Federal Fiscal Year 2027-2029 is 4.11 percent (4% rounded, weighted base figure) of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funded contracting activities, exclusive of FTA funds to be used for the purchase of transit vehicles. The Methodology and Rationale used to formulate this goal is available for review and download at <https://www.cherriots.org/dbeprogram/>. SAMTD intends to meet this goal utilizing race/gender-neutral measures.

The SAMTD Administrative Offices are open to the public and the documents pertaining to this goal are available to review in person. You may contact us by mail or via email to request hard copies of the documents or to request a translation of this notice at the addresses below:

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If you have any comments, questions, or would like further information regarding this program, please contact Melissa Kidd, Senior Manager, Project and Contract Administration, by telephone at 503-588-2424 or by email at procurement@cherriots.org. The District will accept comments on the policy and the goals at the above address for 45 days from the date of this publication. Written comments should be mailed to the address above or can be emailed to procurement@cherriots.org.